

CONFIDENTIAL10th March, 1960COCOM Document No. 3909COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONONPROPOSED UNITED STATES EXPORT OF REFINED BORAX TO POLAND7th March, 1960

Present: Belgium (Luxembourg), Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: COCOM Documents Nos. 3881 and 3906.

1. The CHAIRMAN drew the Committee's attention to a United States proposal to export to Poland 500 tons of refined borax valued at \$32,605, and invited delegates to give views.

2. The UNITED STATES Delegate stated that he had been instructed to withdraw this request for the time being. He regretted that he had not been able to inform the Committee earlier, though he had notified some delegates on an informal basis. The United States authorities were at present reviewing Polish borax requirements. The Delegate undertook to bring the results of this study to the Committee once it had been completed, and expressed the hope that future borax exports would be judged in the light of this study. He indicated that his authorities might wish to resubmit their exception request after the study had been completed.

3. The GERMAN Delegate, in noting that the United States request had been withdrawn, hoped that this would not in any way prevent the Committee from giving favourable consideration to the request to export boron carbide to Poland submitted by his Delegation (COCOM Document No. 3906). He explained that the boron content involved in this request, amounted to no more than one ton. The Delegate would be most interested to hear the results of the United States Government's review of Polish borax needs and hoped that full details would be supplied to the Committee. Member Countries would thus be able to make any necessary examination and comments.

4. The FRENCH Delegate concurred in his German colleague's remarks, and hoped that detailed findings of the United States study would be made available to the Committee.

5. The COMMITTEE noted that the United States proposal was withdrawn until such time as the United States Government had completed their study of Polish borax requirements.

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